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SUBJECT: NORWEIGAN COMMENTS ON U.S. PROPOSAL ON 1500 NI

1. USDEL HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM NORWEIGAN DEL RECAL-
LING THAT, DURING THE JANUARY 17-19 DISCUSSIONS ON THE
U.S. 1500 NI PROPOSAL (DOC. DEF. (77) 1091/42, REV.),
NORWEIGAN DELEGATION EXPRESSED VIEW THAT PART B OF THAT
PROPOSAL SHOULD NOT EMBARGO A NUMERICAL CONTROL UNIT
CONTROLLING A DRAFTING MACHINE. (REFERENCES: COCOM DOC.
DEF (77) 1091/47 - DEF. 1500 N.I. 1/5, PAGE 10 AND PAGE
3 IN ANNEX II.)

2. NORWEIGAN DEL PROVIDES FOLLOWING ARGUMENTATION FOR
EXEMPTING FROM CONTROL UNDER THE U.S. PROPOSAL SYSTEMS
DESIGNED TO BE USED ONLY FOR CONTROL OF 2-AXIS DRAFTING
MACHINES OBJECT OF ITEM IL 1500 NI, AS INDICATED BY
U.S. DELEGATION IS TO PROTECT TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATED WITH
COMPLEX MULTI-AXIS MACHINING OF SCULPTURED SURFACES
REALIZED BY THE USE OF DNC AND FED INTO THE CONTROL SYS-
TEM OF MACHINE TOOLS. HOWEVER, DNC IS ALSO USED FOR
OTHER APPLICATIONS LIKE DATA TRANSMISSION RELIABILITY
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UNDER CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS (FLAME-CUTTING)
OR GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF PART PROGRAMS (DRAFTING MACHINES
WHICH ARE FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT FROM SCULPTURED SURFACE
MACHINING APPLICATIONS AND THEREFORE MUST, PARTICULARLY
WHEN LIMITED TO 2-AXIS, BE CONSIDERED AS NON-EMBARGOED
EQUIPMENT.

3. NORWEIGAN DEL PROPOSES THAT AN INTERPRETATIVE NOTE BE ADDED TO U.S. PROPOSAL TO AVOID UNINTENTIONAL EXPORT RESTRICTIONS AND SUGGESTS FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

"NUMERICAL CONTROLS FOR DRAFTING MACHINES (AND FLAME CUTTING MACHINES) -- ITEM IL 1500 NI, PART B AND STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 1, POINT 2 ARE NOT INTENDED TO COVER SYSTEMS TO BE USED ONLY FOR THE CONTROL OF 2-AXIS DRAFTING MACHINES (OR FLAME-CUTTING MACHINES), PROVIDED SUCH SYSTEMS ARE UNSUITABLE FOR CONVERSION TO CONTROL MACHINE TOOLS."

4. ACTION REQUESTED: USDEL PLANS TO THANK NORWEIGAN DEL FOR THIS INFORMATION, INDICATING THE U.S. AUTHORITIES WILL BE CONSIDERING IT IN THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR THE LIST REVIEW. PLEASE INFORM USDEL IF U.S. WISHES TO MAKE TECHNICAL RESPONSE AT THIS TIME.
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